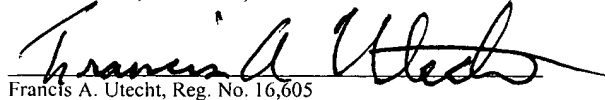




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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of January 2, 2004, the response for which is due April 2, 2004.